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IN THE CLAIMS:**Listing of Claims:**

- 1 1. (previously presented) A punch assembly, comprising:
 - 2 a mandrel, comprising an elongate shaft having a distal end and a disk-shaped
 - 3 head opposite said distal end, said head defining an outer diameter, and a substantially
 - 4 flat face defined by a threaded bore formed therein, said shaft defining a generally
 - 5 constant diameter over its entire length;
 - 6 a punch defining a generally cylindrical shape, and having circular cross-section
 - 7 along a longitudinal axis, a base end and a cutting end, said cutting end defining a cutting
 - 8 edge terminating in at least one pointed tip, said base end defining a substantially flat face
 - 9 having an aperture formed therethrough; and
 - 10 attachment means for attaching said punch to said mandrel whereby said base end
 - 11 is ~~in~~ adjacent to said face and said attachment means comprising a bolt extending through
 - 12 said aperture and threadedly engaging said threaded bore.
- 1 2. (previously presented) The assembly of Claim 1, wherein said punch further
 - 2 comprises a generally cylindrical cross-section defining an outer diameter, said head
 - 3 outer diameter being greater than said punch outer diameter.
- 1 3. (original) The assembly of Claim 2, wherein said punch further defines a pair of
 - 2 opposing arcuate portions on said cutting surface in spaced relation.
- 1 4. (previously presented) The assembly of Claim 3, wherein said punch comprises a
 - 2 pair of said tips, said tips and said arcuate portions in alternating spaced relation with
 - 3 each other.
- 1 5. (canceled)
- 1 6. (previously presented) The assembly of Claim 4, wherein said mandrel comprises a
 - 2 elongated shaft having a solid cross-section and defining a distal end and a head end, said
 - 3 head extending from said head end.

1 7. (original) The assembly of Claim 6, wherein said head defines a generally circular
2 cross-section and said threaded bore is located at the center of said cross-section.

1 8. (original) The assembly of Claim 7, wherein said punch defines a cross-section
2 having a generally circular ring shape.

1 9. (currently canceled) ~~A method for creating holes in sheets of material, comprising~~
2 ~~the steps of:~~

3 ~~obtaining a powder actuated tool comprising a receiver;~~

4 ~~attaching a punch assembly to said receiver, said punch assembly comprising:~~

5 ~~a mandrel, comprising a shaft and a head, said head defining an outer~~
6 ~~diameter and a face, said face further defined by at least one threaded bore formed~~
7 ~~therethrough and within said head;~~

8 ~~a punch defining a base end and a cutting end, said cutting end defining a~~
9 ~~cutting edge terminating in at least one tip, said base end defining a wall having a bore~~
10 ~~formed therethrough; and~~

11 ~~attachment means for attaching said punch to said mandrel, said~~
12 ~~attachment means cooperating with said threaded bore to attach said punch base end to~~
13 ~~said face through said base end bore;~~

14 ~~placing at least one said punch tip against said sheet; and~~

15 ~~activating said powder actuated tool to drive said punch in a direction that is away~~
16 ~~from said receiver, through said sheet thereby forming a said hole, said activating~~
17 ~~excluding the rotating of said punch from rotating.~~

1 10. (currently canceled) ~~The method of Claim 9, wherein said attaching, placing and~~
2 ~~activating steps comprises attaching, placing and activating using a punch further~~
3 ~~defining a pair of opposing arcuate portions on said cutting surface in spaced relation.~~

1 11. (currently canceled) ~~The method of Claim 10, wherein said attaching, placing and~~
2 ~~activating steps comprises attaching, placing and activating using a punch further~~

3 ~~defining a pair of said tips, said tips and said arcuate portions in alternating space relation~~
4 ~~with each other.~~

1 ~~12. (currently canceled) The method of Claim 11, wherein said attaching, placing and~~
2 ~~activating steps comprise attaching, placing and activating using a punch assembly~~
3 ~~further defined by:~~

4 ~~said mandrel further defining a threaded bore formed in said face;~~

5 ~~said punch further defines a bore formed in said base end; and~~

6 ~~said attachment means comprising at least one bolt inserted through said punch~~
7 ~~bore and threadedly engaging said threaded bore.~~

1 ~~13. (currently canceled) The method of Claim 12, wherein said attaching, placing and~~
2 ~~activating steps comprise attaching, placing and activating using a mandrel defined by a~~
3 ~~diameter that is greater than a diameter defined by said punch;~~

4 ~~whereby said diameter of said mandrel prevents said punch assembly from~~
5 ~~passing through said hole.~~

1 ~~14. (currently canceled) A punch assembly for punching a hole in a section of metal~~
2 ~~sheet, comprising:~~

3 ~~a mandrel, comprising an elongate shaft and a head, said head defining a circular~~
4 ~~outer diameter and a generally flat face, said face further defined by at least one threaded~~
5 ~~bore formed therethrough and within said head;~~

6 ~~a punch defining a generally hollow cylindrical shape terminating in a closed~~
7 ~~base end and an open cutting end, said cutting end defining a cutting edge at an outer~~
8 ~~periphery of said cutting end defining a pair of pointed tips having curved edges, said~~
9 ~~curved edges adjacent to curved trough sections, said base end defining a generally flat~~
10 ~~surface, and having a bore formed therethrough; and~~

11 ~~attachment means for attaching said punch to said mandrel whereby said base end~~
12 ~~is mated to said mandrel face via an externally threaded member engaging said threaded~~
13 ~~bore through said punch bore.~~

1 ~~15. (currently canceled) The assembly of Claim 14, wherein:~~

2 ~~said mandrel further defines a threaded bore formed in said face;~~

3 ~~said punch further defines a bore formed in said base end; and~~

4 ~~said attachment means comprises at least one bolt inserted through said punch~~
5 ~~bore and threadedly engaging said threaded bore.~~

1 ~~16. (currently canceled) The assembly of Claim 14, wherein said mandrel comprises~~
2 ~~an elongated shaft defining a distal end and a head end, said head extending from said~~
3 ~~head end.~~

1 ~~17. (currently canceled) The assembly of Claim 14, wherein said punch defines a~~
2 ~~cross section having a generally circular ring shape.~~

1 ~~18. (currently canceled) The assembly of Claim 14, wherein said punch further~~
2 ~~comprises a generally cylindrical cross section defining an outer diameter, said head~~
3 ~~outer diameter being greater than said punch outer diameter.~~

1 ~~19. (currently canceled) The assembly of Claim 14, wherein said punch further defines~~
2 ~~a pair of opposing arcuate portions on said cutting surface in spaced relation.~~

1 ~~20. (currently canceled) The assembly of Claim 19, wherein said punch comprises a pair~~
2 ~~of said tips, said tips and said arcuate portions in alternating space relation with each other.~~